



FALLS RESILIENCY FOR OLDER ADULTS IN WISCONSIN

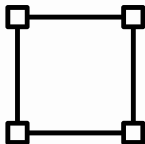
ABOUT

Support a state investment of \$450,000 per year to fund the researched and proven strategies that give older people, families, caregivers, and all of us as we age the tools to protect our safety and independence.

State investment in Falls Prevention Grants will support the long-term sustainability of the Falls Free Wisconsin effort and expand access to Stepping On and other programs to reach more people, reduce falls, and save dollars.

PREVENTING OLDER ADULT FALLS

Falls are the number one cause of injuries in older adults and are a key driver of emergency department (ED) visits, hospitalizations, and nursing home admissions.



More than 1 in 4 older adults has a fall each year (CDC). State investment in falls prevention efforts give us an opportunity to reduce this number.



An estimated \$1 billion is spent annually on falls-related health costs in WI which includes both Medicaid and out-of-pocket expenses (CMS).



Falls have a major impact on emergency medical service (EMS) and health care providers. Nearly 1 in 5 EMS responses were for older adult falls, making falls the top injury response in 2022 (WI DHS).



The number of falls that EMS responds to are increasing by nearly 10,000 a year statewide (WARDS).
